

FISCAL NOTE

SB 975 - HB 1431

February 13, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides an annual supplemental income bonus of at least \$600 up to 5% of the annual salary for eligible firefighters. Current law allows for a bonus of up to \$600 per eligible firefighter.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

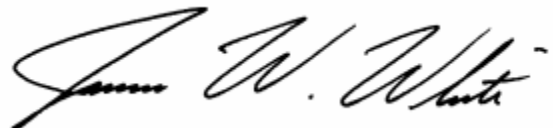
Increase State Expenditures - \$1,326,000 - \$6,307,500

Assumptions:

- The appropriation for salary supplements in FY04-05 is \$1,995,000, which is approximately \$370 per firefighter.
- The average annual salary for firefighters is approximately \$30,000.
- An additional amount of \$1,326,000 will be needed to fund the salary supplements of 5,535 firefighters @ \$600 each.
- An additional amount of \$6,307,500 will be needed to fund the salary supplements of 5,535 firefighters @ \$1,500 each. (5% of their annual salary.)
- Each year the number of eligible firefighters increases by approximately 2.5%. Therefore, the increase in state expenditures is expected to rise in the second and subsequent years. There are approximately 6,100 firefighters that could become eligible for this bonus.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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